

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to overcome the inconsistencies identified by the Examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define "a compound of formula 3" disclosed therein as "a compound of formula 3A or 3B," the choice of which depends on the value of "n." Support for this amendment can be found on page 6, lines 8-13; Examples 1-13; and claim 2 of the specification as originally filed. Exemplary compounds of formula 3 taught in the specification as originally filed are those shown in the following Table.

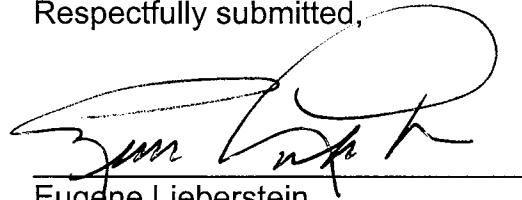
N,N,N',N'-tetramethyldiaminomethane	
N,N,N',N'-tetraethylaminomethane	
N,N,N',N'-tetrabutyldiaminomethane	
Dipiperidinomethane	
1,1'-methylenebis(3-methylpiperidine)	

4,4'-methylenedimorphorine	
1,3,5-trimethylhexahydro-1,3,5-triazine	
1,3,5-triethylhexahydro-1,3,5-triazine	
1,3,5-tribenzylhexahydro-1,3,5-triazine	

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1- 10 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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